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SUBJECT: LETTER FROM SENATOR JACKSON CONCERNING KEITH
HARDIN

1. THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF LETTER OF AUGUST 19, 1977 FROM
KEITH HARDIN, SANDWELL INTERNATIONAL, KERALA NEWSPRINT
PROJECT, KOTTAYAM DISTRICT, TO VICE CONSUL CHRISTOPHER N.
DARLINGTON: THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND COURTESY EXTENDED
TO ME ON 8 AUGUST. I MUST SAY, I WAS SOMEWHAT UPSET BY
MR. SHIVERS WALKING PAST ME AND TELLING YOUR RECEPTIONIST
THAT HIS APPOINTMENT WITH ME FOR 3:00 P.M. DIDN'T MATTER
EVEN THOUGH WE HAD SET IT UP AT 11:00 A.M. EARLIER THAT
DAY. I WAS PARTICULARLY DISTURBED BECAUSE I HAD WITH ME
AN IMPORTANT OFFICIAL OF THE HINDUSTAN PAPER CORPORATION
LTD. WHICH IS A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING. MR. K.
GOPALASWAMY IS THE GENERAL MANAGER OF THE NEW \$200,000.000
(U.S. DOLLARS) PULP AND PAPER MILL BEING CONSTRUCTED IN
KERALA. HE HAS BEEN ALL OVER THE WORLD. HE IS HIGHLY
EDUCATED AND HAS TOURED OUTSIDE INDIA FOR SEVERAL YEARS.
MY PRESENT POSITION IS THAT OF CONSTRUCTION MANAGER OF THE
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KERALA NEWSPRINT PROJECT FOR SANDWELL INTERNATIONAL, 500 N.E.
MULTNOMAH STREET, PORTLAND, OREGON 97232. OUR FIRM HAS BEEN
ENGAGED TO SUPERVISE THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE
KERALA PROJECT. THE PURPOSE OF MY VISIT TO YOUR OFFICE WERE
TWO; FIRST TO ESTABLISH SOME CONTACT WITH MY OWN GOVERNMENT
WHILE I AM LIVING FOR THE NEXT TWO YEARS HERE IN INDIA.

SECOND, I WANT TO OBTAIN FILMS (16 MM) AND OTHER INFORMATION THAT CAN BE GIVEN AND SHOWN TO THE MANAGEMENT GROUPS OF HINDUSTAN PAPER CORPORATION BOTH AT THEIR CALCUTTA AND KERALA OFFICES. IN BOTH LOCATIONS, THEY ARE ORGANIZING MANAGEMENT CLUBS AND WOULD APPRECIATE ANY MATERIAL WE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE. SEVERAL OF THE INDIAN ENGINEERS ON THIS PROJECT WERE RECENTLY INVOLVED IN WORK HERE IN INDIA DIRECTED BY RUSSIAN NATIONALS. THEY HAVE TOLD ME THAT MATERIAL SUCH AS I AM REQUESTING WAS PROVIDED BY THE RUSSIANS. THEY SAY THEY WERE SHOWN TECHNICAL FILMS, GENERAL INFORMATION FILMS AND SOME ENTERTAINMENT FILMS AND THEY WERE ALSO GIVEN TECHNICAL WRITINGS. IN ANY CASE, I WILL APPRECIATE ANYTHING YOU MAY PROVIDE OR SUGGEST. I WILL EXPECT TO VISIT YOUR CONSULATE SOMETIME DURING THE WEEK OF 6 SEPTEMBER. YOURS VERY TRULY, END OF TEXT.

2. ON DECEMBER 16, 1977, HARDIN WROTE SENATOR JACKSON COMPLAINING OF CONSULATE'S LACK OF INTEREST AND THAT HIS LETTER WAS NOT ANSWERED. SENATOR JACKSON HAS ASKED DEPARTMENT FOR REPORT ON SITUATION.

3. PLEASE PROVIDE INFORMATION WHICH WE CAN USE FOR REPLY TO SENATOR JACKSON BY JANUARY 25. VANCE

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